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A webinar to introduce you to an online course " How to understand British Spoken English" and a Podcast, "English Waffle" both aimed at helping your students develop listening skills and spoken fluency.

Maybe your students are pretty good at reading and expressing themselves, but when it comes to understanding real, fast English they often find it more difficult. How can we help bridge the gap between slow scripted conversations and real-life, messy spontaneous English? In my online course, I suggest a range of practice activities that can actively improve your students understanding of real English and share teaching strategies that can help unlock this often termed "Cinderella" skill.

Michael Dewar

I've been teaching English for the last 15 years, mainly to adults but also to teenagers. I also teach French and Spanish up to C1 levels. I am particularly interested in the work of Richard Cauldfield, John Field, Sheila Thorn and others around how to advance Listening skills that move away from testing and into bottom-up skills . I currently work both online teaching company classes and in-class teaching at South Thames College for adult ESOL provision. I co-host the English Waffle Podcast which helps advanced learners improve their English listening and have developed an online course " : **How to understand British spoken English**". I live in London next to Crystal Palace park and its majestic dinosaurs.